



Defne Özözer - Curriculum Vitae

My research field is late Ottoman and Modern Greek history (20th century). My thesis studies the process of becoming (and not becoming) Greek citizens of Salonican Jews after 1912, the city's transition from Ottoman to Greek rule.

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Education

Ph.D. in History

Paris (October 2021 - ...) & Helsinki (August 2022 - ...) Co-tutelle between the **Université de Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne** and **Helsingin Yliopisto**

Dissertation title: "Becoming Greek: The Jewish Experience of Acquiring Greek Citizenship in Salonica, 1912-1943". Advisors: Laura Hobson-Faure (UP1) & Riikka Tuori (UH)

M.A. in History

Istanbul (September 2018 - August 2021) **Boğaziçi University**

Thesis title: "Maintaining Order on Stage: Criminalizing Performing Arts in Late Hamidian Istanbul (1878 - 1908)". Advisor: Arzu Öztürkmen

Bachelor's Degree in History

Istanbul (September 2013 - June 2018) **Boğaziçi University**

Exchange Program in International Relations

Reims (August 2015 - December 2015) **Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris - Sciences Po**

Languages

Turkish

Fluent (Native)

Hebrew

Beginner

Ottoman Turkish

Print and manuscript

English

Fluent

Finnish

Beginner

Ladino

Print and manuscript

French

Advanced

Spanish

Reading

Modern Greek

Intermediate-Advanced

German

Reading

Grants and scholarships

06.2023: Intense Ladino Classes, OSRJL, **University of Oxford**

09.2022-06.2023: Fellowship for OSRJL Ladino Classes, 2022-2023, **University of Oxford**

10.2023: Research Scholarship for Mobility in Israel, **Centre de Recherche Français à Jerusalem**

02.2022-Present: Una-Her-Doc Joint Doctoral Degree in Cultural Heritage, **UNA Europa**

02.2022-02.2025: Contrat doctoral (Doctoral contract) - Doctoral funding, **Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne**

03.2022-04.2022: Research Scholarship for Mobility in Greece, **l'École Française d'Athènes**

07.2020-08.2020: Fellowship for "July Intensive Hebrew Course at University of Haifa", **University of Haifa**

06.2019: Fellowship for "Oral History Summer Institute" at Columbia University, **Columbia Center for Oral History Research (CCOHR), and Columbia School of Journalism**

10.2018-10.2020: Graduate Fellowship, **The Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TÜBİTAK)**

07.2018: Fellowship for "Ecole Thematique: Sources Ottomanes", **L'Institut de Recherches et d'Études sur les Mondes Arabes et Musulmans (IREMAM)**

06.2018: Grant for the "XX International Oral History Association Conference", **Finnish Oral History Network (FOHN) & International Oral History Association (IOHA)**

07.2017-08.2017: Fellowship for the "45th International Program of Greek Language, History and Culture in Balkan Institute, Thessaloniki", **Hellenic Ministry of Culture and Sports**

08.2015-12.2015: Erasmus Exchange Grant for SciencesPo, **European Union Erasmus Fund**

Teaching

02.2019-07.2021: Research and Teaching Assistant at the **Department of History, Boğaziçi University** (Istanbul, Turkey)

Assisted the official affairs at the department, conducting the discussion sessions and examinations for HIST 105 and HIST 106 (Making of the Modern World I-II)

Spring 2020: Head Teaching Assistant of HIST 106 at the **Department of History, Boğaziçi University** (Istanbul, Turkey)

Worked in coordination with the course coordinator and teaching assistants regarding the organization of the course in planning the course syllabus, arranging student communications (500 students), discussion hours, conducting the exams and organizing team meetings.

Academic events

13.11.2023-14.11.2023, Scientific council member, **Les recherches en patrimoine à l'Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne** (Paris, France)

06.10.2023: Participant with the presentation "Challenges in Studying Archival Material in Ladino: Examples from the Cohen Family Archive, CAHJP and Ottoman Archives", **1922: In the Wake of the Death of an Empire. The Archival Journey of Entrenched Post-Ottoman Minorities** workshop at **ANAMED** (Istanbul, Turkey)

18.09.2023-22.09.2023: Presenting thesis research at **Religion et politique : entre res publica et pratiques privées** summer school, organized by **École Française d'Athènes** (Thessaloniki, Greece)

07.03.2023, Co-presenter with Mia Hovi, Vincent Veerbeek, Mari Viita-aho, "Repatriation in the Finnish National Museum: The Mesa Verde and the Sámi Collections" at **UNA Europa Workshop on Colonial Heritage in Europe** at **Université de Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, EIREST** (Paris, France)

02.03.2023, Panelist at *Antik Diller: Osmanlıca, Latince, Antik Yunanca, Çince*, **History + student panels series** at **Boğaziçi University** (Istanbul, Turkey)

26.01.2023, Participant with the presentation "Where exactly is the cultural heritage of Salonica Jews?", **Cultural heritage and periphery: Analyzing the role of cultural heritage in the (urban) peripheries from the perspective of migrations and global mobilities (PeriMob)** hybrid workshop at **Jagiellonian University** (Krakow, Poland)

21.11.2022-25.11.2022: Participant at **UNA Europa Doctoral Workshop of Cultural Heritage and the XXI Century: Research and Horizons** at **Complutense University of Madrid** (Madrid, Spain)

22.10.2022, Speaker, "Yunan Selanik'in Yahudileri (1912-1943)" at **İsrail'deki Türkiyeliler Birliği (Turkish Union in Israel)** (Bat Yam, Israel)

03.10.2022-07.10.2022, Presented thesis research at **Séminaire de formation doctorale Migrations contraintes en Méditerranée orientale de l'Antiquité à nos jours** at **École Française d'Athènes** (Athens, Greece)

26.07.2020: Participant with the presentation "*Discussions on Founding the Jewish Secondary School in Greek Salonica (1926-1927)*", **Graduate Workshop Lecture Series in Memory of Yavuz Selim Karakışla** at **Boğaziçi University, Department of History** (Istanbul, Turkey)

17.06.2019-28.06.2019: Participant with the presentation "*On the Changing Senses of Belonging: Memory and Identity Among the Muslim Descendants from Greece*", **Oral History Summer Institute** at **Columbia University** (New York, USA) <https://incite.columbia.edu/2019-summer-institute-resources>

30.04.2019: Participant with the presentation "*The Show Must Not Go On: Reflections on Performing Arts, Coffeeshouses and Censorship in Late Hamidian Istanbul*", **Graduate Workshop in Memory of Yavuz Selim Karakışla** at **Boğaziçi University, Department of History** (Istanbul, Turkey)

02.07.2018-06.07.2018: Participant with the presentation "*La Censure sur les Arts de la Scène à Istanbul (1890-1908)*" at **Ecole Thématique CNRS "Sources Ottomanes"** at **IREMAM** (Aix-en-Provence, France)

19.06.2018: Presenter, "*On the Changing Senses of Belonging: Memory and Identity Among the Muslim Descendants from Greece*", **The XX International Oral History Association Conference** (Jyväskylä, Finland)

2015-2017: Deputy Coordinator for **Today Talks at Swedish Research Institute Istanbul** (Istanbul, Turkey)

Organized and coordinated seminars on social and cultural topics, annually choosing a theme based on international developments such as the expression of ideas, academia, urban transformation, and crossing borders.

Project and research contributions

01.2023: Ottoman Turkish Transcriber (from Arabic to Latin script) for the **Jale İnan Archive** at Boğaziçi University Archive and Documentation Center (occasionally involved since 2019)

04.2021: Project Team Member at **ISTANBUL UNBOUND: Environmental Approaches to the City**

Responsibility for online content management, publication production live on social networks and assistance with the conduct of the conference in Istanbul Unbound: an international interdisciplinary conference co-organized by the Istanbul Research Institute (Istanbul Araştırmaları Enstitüsü) and the Pera Museum (Pera Müzesi).

09.2018: Transcriber for **Tarsus-Gözlükule Oral History Project** by Prof. Arzu Öztürkmen, Boğaziçi University and Prof. Aslı Özyar, Boğaziçi University

07.2018: Turkish-English Oral History Interview Translator for **The Spanish/Portuguese Sephardic Citizenship Oral History Project** by Dr. Rina Benmayor, California State University Monterey Bay, and Dr. Dalia Kandiyoti, City University of New York, College of Staten Island

09.2016-03.2017: Interviewer for the **Turkish Cinema Oral History Project** at Mithat Alam Film Center, Boğaziçi University

Publications

2022, (blog article) "Ladino on the move: The transnational circulation of Selanikli Coen Family letters" published on the blog of the UNA Europa transnational research team (1) *Heritage on the Move*. [<https://herblog.hypotheses.org/156>]